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EDWARD A. DONAHOE

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Title

Character of Case

KENNETH ALLEN KITTS, was: Kenneth Allen  
Kitts, Kenneth Fisher, Kenneth Russell, Jack  
Allen Hinnings, Kenny - FUGITIVE;

BANK ROBBERY - BURGLARY;  
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION  
OF STOLEN PROPERTY

YANCEY DOUGLAS HARDY, was: Yancy Douglas

Hardy, Thomas C. Lloyd, Lloyd Douglas Hardy,

Lloyd Douglas, Douglas Hardy, Ding;

PASQUALE JOSEPH BELCASTRO, was: Pasquale

Joseph Belcastro, Frank Mansi, Mr. Martin,

Pat - FUGITIVE

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DEAN ROBERT ROWLEY, was: Lenn E. Allen,  
Dean Robert Rowley: 1R

MILDRED WRIGHT HARDY, wa: Doris Williams;

LAURENS STATE BANK, LAURENS, IOWA,  
November 3, 1950.

## Synopsis of Facts:

Instant Bank, FDIC #15320, burglarized early morning of 11/3/50  
by KENNETH ALLEN KITTS, PASQUALE JOSEPH BELCASTRO, and YANCEY  
DOUGLAS HARDY. Subjects obtained \$4486 from Bank in silver  
and \$17,450 in American Express Travelers Cheques and \$8020 in  
Bank of America, San Francisco, Travelers Cheques. Subjects

Approved and Forwarded *[Signature]* Special Agent  
in Charge

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BELCASTRO concerning unsolved bank burglaries of the Omaha and Minneapolis Divisions during September through November, 1950, the period during which it had been established that BELCASTRO and KITTS were associating closely immediately before and after bank burglaries.

On December 6, 1950, SA ELMER L. JACOBSEN in connection with his interview with BELCASTRO had elicited from him information to the effect that he, BELCASTRO, knew where the burglar tools were, which belonged to KITTS, and which had been used by him, KITTS, HARDY and [ ] in instant and related burglaries. BELCASTRO stated that in the event his brother-in-law, [ ] could telephonically contact him, he would be able to arrange for his brother-in-law to produce instant tools.

[ ] who is employed as a [ ] at the Blackstone Hotel, Omaha, Nebraska, was contacted, and a call was made to the Marshal's Office at Chicago, Illinois, at which time [ ], in the presence of SA's JOHN V. BARNES, K. J. BRIDENSTINE and EDWARD A. DONAHOE, talked to BELCASTRO, who was in the presence of SA JACOBSEN. Following this call, [ ] in his automobile and under surveillance by Agents first went to the Valoy Bar, 25th and Farnam Streets, Omaha, and thereafter proceeded to 1056 South 28th Street, the residence of TONY "CROW" VARIANO, and [ ] emerged from this house carrying a canvas satchel, some crowbars and a mall. Thereafter in front of his residence, [ ] turned the above-mentioned tools over to SA's BARNES and BRIDENSTINE and reporting Agent. An itemized list of these tools and a signed statement from [ ] concerning his release of the tools are set forth heretofore.

It is to be noted that TONY "CROW" VARIANO has FBI #311317 and is a brother-in-law of BENNIE BARONE, FBI #500634. VARIANO and BARONE, along with a number of other Omaha hoodlums, were given probation sentences in USDC, November 24, 1934, in connection with their activities in the operation of a stolen car ring at Omaha. BARONE's sentence was two years, and VARIANO's five years, probation. VARIANO is also the individual who is quoted in the report of SA THOMAS W. CARROLL, dated August 9, 1948, at Omaha, to the effect that KENNETH ALLEN KITTS, [ ] and [ ] committed the burglary of the bank in the case entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECTS (3); Platte Center Bank, Platte Center, Nebraska, March 11, 1948," Bufile 91-4933.

Upon Agent JACOBSEN's return from Chicago on December 8, 1950, he was advised by T-2 that he had ascertained that BENNIE BARONE had been in possession of KITTS' tools, having received them from [ ] prior to the latter's trip to Washington, D. C., and New York City.